

**STATE OF VERMONT
AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES**

DCF

Department for Children and Families

FROM: Sean Brown, Deputy Commissioner
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BULLETIN NO.: 16-10P

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SUBJECT: VPharm Program – Proposed Rulemaking

CHANGES ADOPTED EFFECTIVE:

INSTRUCTIONS

_____ **Proposed Rule - Retain bulletin**

MANUAL REFERENCES:

VPharm Rules 5420 and 5430

The Agency of Human Services (AHS) has filed proposed rulemaking with the Office of the Secretary of State to amend VPharm Rules 5420 and 5430. This rulemaking is referenced as “B16-10P” for purposes of this Bulletin. This proposed rule is not in effect, but if adopted following the full rulemaking process, will supersede VPharm Rules 5420 and 5430 that became effective January 1, 2006. (DCF Bulletin 05-24F)

VPharm assists eligible persons pay for prescription medicines. Eligibility criteria for this program are set forth in VPharm Rules at Economic Services Division Rules 5400 et seq. VPharm Rules that are in effect can be viewed electronically at: <http://humanservices.vermont.gov/on-line-rules/esd/vpharm-5400/view>.

The proposed changes in this rulemaking will permit AHS to conduct rolling renewals for VPharm beneficiaries instead of renewing all beneficiaries in June of each year as the rule currently requires. The proposed rule will also change VPharm eligibility by requiring that AHS terminate VPharm assistance when a person becomes ineligible for VPharm, including due to income.

This proposed rule is necessary in order to align the rule with 33 V.S.A. 2077(a)(requires termination of assistance when an individual becomes ineligible), and 33 V.S.A. 2077(c)(requires applications be reviewed annually and authorizes rolling renewals).

View Proposed VPharm Rules 5420 and 5430

Proposed VPharm Rules 5420 and 5430 can be viewed electronically at:
<http://dcf.vermont.gov/esd/laws-rules/proposed-adopted>.

Public Comment and Hearing

A public hearing will be held on April 29, 2016 at 1 p.m. at the Agency of Human Services, 208 Hurricane Lane, Williston, Vermont.

The public comment period will close on May 6, 2016.

Send public comments to linda.mclemore@vermont.gov

Information about the Rulemaking Process

To get more information about the rulemaking process, see the website of the Office of the Secretary of State at <https://www.sec.state.vt.us/> and/or call that office at 802-828-2863.